

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of : TRUTNA, William R. )  
Serial No. 10/626,446 ) Group Art Unit: 2613  
Filed: July 24, 2003 ) Examiner: AZEMAR, Guerssy  
For: OPTICAL COMMUNICATION )  
SYSTEM AND METHOD USING )  
SPREAD-SPECTRUM ENCODING )

**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

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January 4, 2007

Sir:

This Response and Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action mailed September 20, 2006. Please amend the application as indicated below and consider the remarks that follow.

This Response is filed with a one-month extension of time in the amount of \$120.00. If, however, any additional fee is due, please debit Deposit Account Number 50-1513.